

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

An apparatus for extracting an obstruction located in a patient's vessel by fragmenting the obstruction and conveying the fragments ~~of the obstruction~~ through the apparatus ~~and~~ out of the patient's body, ~~comprising~~ having a flexible-tube, ~~having~~ with an open distal end, and ~~connected~~ connectable to a negative pressure, ~~a~~ A motor-rotated, flexible, spiral conveyor-shaft disposed in the flexible tube that conveys the obstruction fragments, cooperatively with the negative pressure, through the flexible tube and. ~~A~~ An offset agitator that is connected to and is rotated by the flexible conveyor-shaft to fragment the obstruction. The offset-agitator can be moved in and out of the flexible tube, through the open distal end, to adjust its effective diameter.